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Applicant : Christoph Dorr  
Serial No. : 09/640,038  
Filing Date : August 16, 2000  
For : BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT  
WITH BEARING SHELL  
Group Art Unit : 3679  
Examiner : Ernesto Garcia  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification, including a marked copy and a  
clean copy, is attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 26, which was indicated as allowable  
as new claim 29, as follows:

29. A ball-and-socket joint comprising:

a joint housing having first and second axial ends;

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